

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2003 Budget Increase Report

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial aid to low income households in order to help them meet their energy needs. On January 21, 2003, the Senate voted to increase the 2003 LIHEAP budget by 12.5 percent over 2002. This was a significant development for thousands of New Yorkers because the Bush Administration had originally proposed to cut the LIHEAP budget by \$300 million dollars or approximately 18 percent. If these cuts had been approved, approximately 80,000 New Yorkers could have lost heating benefits. Instead, the Senate's vote to increase funding means no New Yorkers will lose benefits and 87,000 more New Yorkers than last year could receive LIHEAP funding.

Below is a county-by-county estimate of the number of LIHEAP recipient households that could receive funding as a result of the Senate's vote to increase LIHEAP funding. These estimates were made by assigning each county a proportion of the statewide increase based on the county's number of LIHEAP recipients in 2001:

The Capital Region: In 2001, 37,889 households in the Capital Region received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 4,869 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 42,758.

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Albany	9,946	1,278	11,224
Rensselaer	5,372	690	6,062
Schenectady	5,841	751	6,592
Saratoga	4,948	636	5,584
Fulton	3,668	471	4,139
Montgomery	3,189	410	3,599
Schoharie	1,555	200	1,755
Washington	3,370	433	3,803

Capital Region	37,889	4,869	42,758
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***Central New York:** In 2001, 46,795 households in Central New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 6,015 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 52,810.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Oneida	14,729	1,893	16,622
Oswego	6,540	841	7,381
Madison	2,970	382	3,352
Cortland	2,662	342	3,004
Onondaga	19,894	2,557	22,451
Central New York	46,795	6,015	52,810

***The Finger Lakes:** In 2001, 44,326 households in the Finger Lakes received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 5,697 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 50,023.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Cayuga	3,573	459	4,032
Seneca	1,231	158	1,389
Yates	1,045	134	1,179
Ontario	2,930	377	3,307
Wayne	1,735	223	1,958
Monroe	27,629	3,551	31,180
Livingston	2,504	322	2,826
Schuyler	1,000	129	1,129
Tompkins	2,679	344	3,023
Finger Lakes	44,326	5,697	50,023

***The Hudson Valley:** In 2001, 35,940 households in the Hudson Valley received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 4,619 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 40,559.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Westchester	9,537	1,226	10,763
Rockland	3,342	430	3,772
Putnam	495	64	559
Dutchess	3,340	429	3,769
Ulster	4,967	637	5,604
Sullivan	3,024	389	3,413
Orange	6,807	875	7,682
Greene	2,289	294	2,583
Columbia	2,139	275	2,414
Hudson Valley	35,940	4,619	40,559

***The North Country:** In 2001, 31,660 households in the North Country received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 4,069 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that received LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 35,729.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Warren	3,102	399	3,501
Essex	2,139	275	2,414
Clinton	5,176	665	5,841
Franklin	3,185	409	3,594
Hamilton	232	30	262
St Lawrence	6,170	793	6,963
Herkimer	3,839	493	4,332
Lewis	1,674	216	1,890
Jefferson	6,143	781	6,932

North Country	31,660	4,069	35,729
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***The Southern Tier:** In 2001, 31,908 households in the Southern Tier received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 4,100 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 36,008.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Delaware	2,548	327	2,875
Otsego	2,535	326	2,861
Chenango	2,972	382	3,354
Broome	7,723	993	8,716
Tioga	2,634	338	2,972
Chemung	3,847	494	4,341
Steuben	6,349	816	7,165
Allegany	3,300	424	3,724
Southern Tier	31,908	4,100	36,008

***Western New York:** In 2001, 89,168 households in Western New York received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 11,459 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 100,627.*

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Orleans	2,172	279	2,451
Genesee	2,445	314	2,759
Wyoming	1,735	223	1,958
Erie	56,446	7,254	63,700
Niagara	10,756	1,382	12,138
Cattaraugus	5,237	673	5,910
Chautauqua	10,377	1,334	11,711
Western New York	89,168	11,459	100,627

Long Island: In 2001, 22,349 households in Long Island received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 2,872 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 25,221.

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
Nassau	6,427	826	7,253
Suffolk	15,922	2,046	17,968
Long Island	22,349	2,872	25,221

New York City: In 2001, 337,375 households in New York City received LIHEAP assistance. As a result of the Senate's restoration of the funds, 43,359 more households in the area will receive funding, raising the overall number of households that receive LIHEAP funding in 2002 to 380,734.

County	2001-02 Recipients	12.5% Increase in Recipients	2002-03 Recipients
New York City	337,375	43,359	380,734

New York's Natural Gas vs. Heating Oil Users

The Capital Region: There are 212,123 natural gas users and 107,312 heating oil users in the Capital Region.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Albany</i>	80, 854	19, 563
<i>Rensselaer</i>	25, 701	22,000
<i>Schenectady</i>	43, 228	8,755
<i>Saratoga</i>	39, 998	20, 942
<i>Fulton</i>	8, 824	8, 823
<i>Montgomery</i>	9, 181	7, 365
<i>Schoharie</i>	154	7,756
<i>Washington</i>	4,183	12, 108
<i>Capital Region</i>	<i>212,123</i>	<i>107, 312</i>

Central New York: There are 228,476 natural gas users and 57,465 heating oil users in Central New York.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Oneida</i>	52, 374	22, 464
<i>Oswego</i>	19,374	10,957
<i>Madison</i>	10,103	8,849
<i>Cortland</i>	9,224	4,411
<i>Onondaga</i>	137,401	10,784
<i>Central New York</i>	<i>228,476</i>	<i>57,465</i>

The Finger Lakes: There are 325,403 natural gas users and 50,931 heating oil users in the Finger Lakes.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Cayuga</i>	<i>15,263</i>	<i>7,329</i>
<i>Seneca</i>	<i>5,676</i>	<i>2,740</i>
<i>Yates</i>	<i>2,668</i>	<i>2,333</i>
<i>Ontario</i>	<i>21,897</i>	<i>5,881</i>
<i>Wayne</i>	<i>18,156</i>	<i>7,483</i>
<i>Monroe</i>	<i>230,558</i>	<i>12,273</i>
<i>Livingston</i>	<i>10,400</i>	<i>4,572</i>
<i>Schuyler</i>	<i>1,571</i>	<i>2,624</i>
<i>Tompkins</i>	<i>19,214</i>	<i>5,696</i>
<i>Finger Lakes</i>	<i>325,403</i>	<i>50,931</i>

The Hudson Valley: There are 311,191 natural gas users and 381,591 heating oil users in the Hudson Valley.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Westchester</i>	<i>140,518</i>	<i>158,438</i>
<i>Rockland</i>	<i>82,333</i>	<i>2,956</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>1,062</i>	<i>22,653</i>
<i>Dutchess</i>	<i>21,259</i>	<i>61,351</i>
<i>Ulster</i>	<i>10,510</i>	<i>42,362</i>
<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>381</i>	<i>18,636</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>51,420</i>	<i>46,430</i>
<i>Greene</i>	<i>933</i>	<i>12,780</i>
<i>Columbia</i>	<i>2,775</i>	<i>15,985</i>
<i>Hudson Valley</i>	<i>311,191</i>	<i>381,591</i>

The North Country: There are 51,584 natural gas users and 95,913 heating oil users in the North Country

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Warren</i>	<i>10,343</i>	<i>9,307</i>
<i>Essex</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>10,435</i>
<i>Clinton</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>17,246</i>
<i>Franklin</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>12,729</i>
<i>Hamilton</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1,423</i>
<i>St Lawrence</i>	<i>12,693</i>	<i>17,922</i>
<i>Herkimer</i>	<i>11,024</i>	<i>9,476</i>
<i>Lewis</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>5,827</i>
<i>Jefferson</i>	<i>16,471</i>	<i>11,548</i>
<i>North Country</i>	<i>51,584</i>	<i>95,913</i>

The Southern Tier: There are 125,821 natural gas users and 57,239 heating oil users in the Southern Tier.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Delaware</i>	<i>1,905</i>	<i>1,219</i>
<i>Otsego</i>	<i>3,393</i>	<i>12,652</i>
<i>Chenango</i>	<i>3,041</i>	<i>10,405</i>
<i>Broome</i>	<i>53,678</i>	<i>13,582</i>
<i>Tioga</i>	<i>5,519</i>	<i>8,467</i>
<i>Chemung</i>	<i>26,366</i>	<i>3,107</i>
<i>Steuben</i>	<i>21,489</i>	<i>5,574</i>
<i>Allegany</i>	<i>10,430</i>	<i>2,233</i>
<i>Southern Tier</i>	<i>125,821</i>	<i>57,239</i>

Western New York: There are 494,716 natural gas users and 35,062 heating oil users in Western New York.

<i>County</i>	<i>Natural Gas Users</i>	<i>Heating Oil Users</i>
<i>Orleans</i>	<i>6,345</i>	<i>4,445</i>
<i>Genesee</i>	<i>13,098</i>	<i>4,379</i>
<i>Wyoming</i>	<i>7,329</i>	<i>2,555</i>
<i>Erie</i>	<i>343,172</i>	<i>7,841</i>
<i>Niagara</i>	<i>67,198</i>	<i>9,317</i>
<i>Cattaraugus</i>	<i>17,929</i>	<i>4,165</i>
<i>Chautauqua</i>	<i>39,645</i>	<i>2,360</i>
<i>Western New York</i>	<i>494,716</i>	<i>35,062</i>